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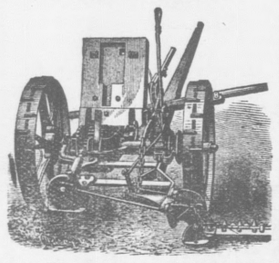

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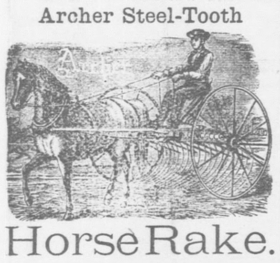

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Select Poetry.

Miss Edith Helps Things Along.

"My sister'll be down in a minute, and says
you're to wait, if you please,
And says I might stay 'till she came, if I'd
promise her never to tease
Nor speak 'till you spoke to me first. But
that's nonsense, for how would you know
What she told me to say if I didn't? Don't
you really and truly think so?

And then you'd feel strange here alone! And
you wouldn't know just where to sit;
For that chair isn't strong on its legs, and
we never use its bit.
We keep it to match with the sofa. But Jack
says it would be like you
To flop yourself right down upon it and knock
out the very last screw.

"S'pose you try? I won't tell. You're afraid
to! Oh! you're afraid they would think
it was mean!
Well, then, there's the album—that's pretty,
if you're sure that your fingers are clean.
For sister says sometimes I daub it, but she
only says that when she's cross.
There's her picture. You know it? It's like
her, but she ain't as good-looking, of
course!

"This is me. It's the best of 'em all. Now,
tell me, you'd never have thought
That once I was little as that! It's the only
one that could be bought—
For that was the message to Pa from the photograph man where I sat—
That he wouldn't print off any more till he
first got his money for that.

"What? Maybe you're tired of waiting.
Why, often she's longer than this.
There's all her back hair to do up and all of
her front curls to friz.
But it's nice to be sitting here talking like
grown people, just you and me.
Do you think you'll be coming here often!
Oh, do! But don't come like Tom Lee.

"Tom Lee. Her last beau. Why, my goodness! He used to be here day and night,
Till the folks thought that he'd be her husband, and Jack says that gave him a
fright.
You won't run away, then, as he did? for
you're not a rich man, they say.
Pa says you are poor as a church mouse.
Now, are you? And how poor are they?

"Ain't you glad that you met me? Well, *I*
am, for I know now your hair *isn't* red,
But what there is left of it's mousy, and not
what that naughty Jack said.
But there! I must go. Sister's coming. But
I wish I could wait, just to see
If she ran up to you and kissed you in the
way that she used to kiss Lee."

—*Bret Harte in the Independent.*

Select Story.

MAUDE'S ORDEAL.

BY AMY RANDOLPH.

It was rather an embarrassing thing to do, but Charley May had done it well and bravely, like a man. He was nothing but a clerk at eight hundred dollars a year, nevertheless, he had boldly craved audience of the portly old millionaire, and asked him for his daughter, as he might have asked for the milliner girl round the corner.

Mr. Bryant cooly wiped his pen and laid it in the carved bronzed rack; he moved back his chair a pace or two, looking Charles May full in the face as he did so, with a curious, mocking light in his cold blue eyes.

"So you want to marry my daughter, eh?"

"I do, sir," said Charley.

Provokingly handsome he looked as he stood there, with the reddish brown hair thrown back from his square, white forehead, the hazel eyes, clear and confident, and the perfect cut lips, a little apart. Somehow, in the midst of his wrath and derision, old Richard Bryant could not help thinking that were he a girl of eighteen, he might possibly have fallen in love with such a young man as Charles May.

"Is there any other little trifle I could let you have?" sneered the caustic old man. "A block of houses, or a Broadway lease or so, or any other small favor?"

"You are laughing at me, sir," said Charley, coloring, yet speaking with a certain quiet dignity. "I have asked you a simple question; surely I have the right to a frank answer."

"Then listen to me, young man," said Richard Bryant, with a sudden abrupt sternness. "You are aspiring altogether too high—you can not have my daughter Maude. Now you have your answer—go!"

Charles May stood for a moment like one upon whom a thunderbolt had fallen with sudden blighting power, then he turned and walked quietly out of the handsome Gothic library, where the blue and gold circles of light from the oriel windows quivered over the deep crimson of the Wilton carpet, and the pure marble faces of Pallus and Venus de Milo watched him as he went.

"Maude, my love, my darling, what is the matter?"

The red glow of the November sunset could scarcely pierce the folds of ruby velvet that hung over the plate-glass, windows, yet in the odorous twilight Mr. Bryant saw his daughter, with her face hidden in the satin sofa-pillows, and the heavy, bluish-black curls drooping low over the carved rosewood.

"Tell, me, little daughter, what troubles you?" whispered the merchant, bending fondly over the girl. Maude had never known a mother, and there was a tenderness in the old man's tones at that instant that was almost maternal.

She looked up, with the stain of fresh tears on her crimsion cheek.

"He has gone, papa—he has gone and left me!"

"He? Who?"

"Charley May."

And Maude Bryant, who had spoken all her life-long to her father as if he had been a loving mother also, hid her face on the kindly breast and cried afresh.

"Whew-w-w!" was the merchant's softly-breathed comment.

"I have been trying to convince her how very absurd all this is," said Aunt Eloise, a portly widow, in garnet silk and carbuncle jewelry, who sat by, alternately quoting truism at her neice, and sniffing at a gold *cassolette* that hung at her waist.

"Maude," said Mr. Bryant, gravely, "do you mean to tell me that you actually care for that young snip of a clerk?"

Maude sat up indignantly, with lightning in her black eyes.

"Care for him, papa! I love him!"

"Very improper!" groaned Aunt Eloise.

"Aunt, I wish you'd hold your tongue!" sputtered Maude, growing prettier every moment in her bright indignation. "I do love him, papa, with all my heart and soul!"

Aunt Eloise uttered a hollow sigh, and Mr. Bryant looked at his daughter with a face that was half troubled, half amused.

"My little lily-flower," he said gently, "all this sounds to me like a girl's romance. Maude Bryant is scarcely fitted to be the wife of a young man like Charles May."

"But why not, papa?" pleaded Maude, piteously. "I love him, and I—I think he loves me."

"Very probably," said Mr. Bryant, smilling. "But did it never occur to you how very unsuitable a wife you would make to a man who has his own way to win in the world?"

"No, papa," said Maude, eagerly. "I can dust furniture, and I can make jellycake, and once I baked a cranberry tart."

"Most important qualifications, yet not quite all-sufficient," said her father, with the utmost gravity. "But just consider, my dear; here, on the one hand, is a salary of eight hundred dollars a year, or nine, we'll say. It's just possible that out in Chicago, where he has gone, they pay nine hundred dollars a year; and here, on the other, is Miss Bryant, with her little, white, useless hands, and her luxurious ideas, and her diamonds, and her silk dresses. Why, my child, I don't suppose you know what calico means."

"Yes, indeed, papa," interrupted Maude, earnestly. "I had a pink French calico once, with pink coral buttons that were three dollars each—don't you remember?"

"You a poor man's wife," went on her father, patting her little fevered hand. "Maude, it would be like taking one of the white japonicas out of the conservatory, and planting it on a bleak New England hill. What idea have you of the trials and sacrifices of life, my little petted child?"

"Papa!" sobbed the young girl, passionately, "I am ready to endure any ordeal—to make any sacrifice What do I care for diamonds and dresses? Papa!" she exclaimed, suddenly starting up with an emphasis that made Eloise drop her gold essence bottle, "you think me a mere butterfly that cares for dress and jewels only. Now listen to me: For one year from this time—for one year, mind—I pledge myself to wear no silks or jewels. Will you believe in me at the year's end?"

"I shall think you a very extraordinary young lady, Maude, but—excuse, me, darling—I have no very strong faith in your persistence."

"You will see," said Maude, shaking her curls triumphantly. "And, oh, papa—it——"

"Maude," said Mr. Bryant, with quiet decision, "I have already answered you—my decree admits of no appeal"

She would not cry any more, this haughty little girl—she was too proud to cry; but she rose up and went away with compressed lips and eyes whose glitter was sadder far than tears.

"I won't be discouraged, for all this," she thought. "I will show papa that I am something more than a doll."

"Maude, your are not going to Mrs. Heminway's in that dress?"

Mrs. Harrington, superb in wine-colored velvet, with garnets blazing round her plump throat and at her wrists, stood horrified as Maude came tripping down stairs.

"Why not, Aunt Eloise? I think the dress is very neat."

Mr. Bryant looked up from his evening paper at the slender figure in white, floating muslin, with white roses hanging in among the blue-black curls that touched her shoulders.

"I think so too," he said, quietly.

"Stuff and nonsense!" angrily exclaimed Aunt Eloise. "Richard Bryrant's daughter in white muslin with paltry roses in her hair! You should have worn pink satin and diamonds."

"I shall wear no more silks and jewels, aunt," said the little lady, very decidedly.

"Now, Richard," said Mrs. Harrington, turning to her brother, "are you going to allow this? She will set half New York talking!"

"Maude shall do as she pleases," said the merchant, quietly, and Maude gave him a bright, grateful glance as she fluttered away like some snow-white bird.

The next morning a small triangular casket of amethyst velvet lay beside Maude's plate at the breakfast table. She took it up with an inquiring look at her father.

"Your birth-day, my child," he said, simply.

She opened the casket with a low exclamation of delight as her eye fell on the white gleam of a magnificent pearl necklace.

"Oh, papa! how splendid this is! Don't they look like drops of frozen moonlight? And I have always so longed for pearls!"

Mrs. Harrington looked complacently on.

"They will be the very thing to wear to-night with your white silk dress."

"My white silk dress!" Maude paused abruptly, while a deep crimson flush stole over her fair forehead. She rose and crept softly around to her father's side.

"Papa, I am very much obliged to you—but—but I had rather not take the pearls."

"Not take them, Maude?"

"No, papa—you remember my resolution."

"Maude!" exclaimed Aunt Eloise, "you will never be so absurd as to refuse that pearl necklace that a Royal Princess might be proud to wear, just because of a whim?"

"It is not a whim, Aunt Eloise."

And no amount of coaxing or bantering could induce Maude Bryant to take the pearls.

"Give me a bud from the conservatory, papa, or a bit of a book, such as I used to have when I was a wee thing, and I'll value it for your sake as long as I live; but I can't take the pearls."

So the merchant with a curious moisture in his eyes gave her a kiss and told her that would have to do.

And the weeks and months passed on; and Maude, surrounded by temptations on every side, thought of Charley May, and resisted them all.

"Maude," said the old man, suddenly, one day, "when did you last hear from young May?"

"Last hear from him, papa? Never since the day he went away."

"Do you mean to tell me that you do not correspond with him?"

"No, papa; you told me not to, and I have obeyed you."

"And has he never written?"

"Never, sir."

"Then most probably he has forgotten you."

"No, papa; I know he has not forgotten me."

"You're a curious girl, Maude," said her father, carressingly stroking down the bright black curls. "Never mind, pet—when your year of calico is over I'll give you a present that shall please you passing well."

"I don't want any present, papa," said Maude, wistfully looking up into his face. "Oh, papa, there is only one thing in the world that I do want."

"And that you know very well you can't have," said the merchant, sturdily. And so the colloquy terminated.

"Oh, Aunt Eloise, what a magnificent silk! real gold color, isn't it!"

"Yes, I think it is rather handsome," said Mrs. Harrington, complacently. "I ordered it imported myself. See—it shines like a sheet of gold in the gaslight."

"Who is it for?"

"You, to be sure, child—for Oriana Sykes' wedding reception."

Maude shook her head demurely

"Why, Maude, what will you wear? You must have a new silk."

Maude caught her father's eye fixed earnestly upon her. In an instant her resolution was taken.

"I shall wear calico, Aunt Eloise."

"Calico! To Mrs. Sykes' wedding reception?"

"Why not, aunt?"

"You dare not thus defy society."

"Dare I not?"

That was all Maude said. The year of ordeal was up that night, and she had stood bravely to her colors.

Mr. Bryant did not often attend parties, but he went to Mrs. Sykes' that evening without his daughter's knowledge, and stood leaning against a door casing, watching the brilliant devotees of fashion as they entered in glittering, perfumed throngs—watching them with an anxious eye.

Would Maude waver now? Was her will no stronger than that of five hundred other women?

Presently she came, as lovely as ever, the throng parting on either side, as she advanced up the room at the side of her portly, vexed-looking aunt Harrington. What was the murmur that reached his ears?

"Pink calico! Calico! Impossible! Miss Bryant wear calico, indeed! Glace, more likely, or moire antique! Actually calico? What a strange whim! But Maude Bryant looks lovely in anything!"

Lovely—she did look lovely in the soft folds of the French calico, with her sweet eye full of liquid light, and her cheek glowing with soft scarlet.

Mr. Bryant drew a long sigh of relief, and then ordered his carriage for home.

It was late when Maude returned, but nevertheless she took a peep into the library to see if her father was still up.

"Papa!"

"Come in, Maude. Do you know, pet, your year of probation is up to-night?"

"I don't call it probation, sir."

"Perhaps not. Well, do you remember my promising you a present if you adhered to your odd notions?"

"Yes, papa; but I told you I did not want a present."

"You'll find it in the drawing-room, child."

"I won't take it, papa."

"Won't you? Suppose you just take a look at it first."

And Maude went slowly up stairs, obedient to her father's gesture.

"I will not take it, whatever it is," she thought, as she opened the door, "for——my goodness! Charley May!"

"Maude—my own true love!"

And Charley's bright brown eyes were looking into hers—Charley's chestnut mustache was close against her cheek.

"What do you think about taking my present now, Miss Maude?" demanded Mr. Bryant, rubbing his hands gleefully. "I've sent all the way to Chicago for it, and I think you seem rather pleased with it than otherwise. I tell you what, Charley May, you may imagine that you have been working hard for my daughter all these months, but she has not been idle. Maude has well earned the happiness of this hour."

And Mr. Bryant went down stairs to explain it all to Aunt Eloise, who was highly mystified as to the state of affairs.

This was the solution of the enigma that so puzzled the fashionable world a few days subsequently, when they read in the papers that Maude Bryant had married no more distinguished person than Charley May.

THAT SETTLED IT.—"The time has come at last," said Mr. Bidlack, impressively, looking his wife square in the eye. "I have known for several days that it was inevitable, and might happen at any time."

"Why, dear, what is it? What can you mean? You look so depressed.—It cannot be—and yet—O, relieve this killing suppense. Alexander have you—have you failed?" said his wife with clasped hands.

"No, my dear; my credit is yet unimpared, and business is looking up."

"You don't mean to say, dear, that your old pain in your old head has come back?"

"No."

"You haven't had to pay that note for your brother Joseph?"

"No."

"Have you—now tell me Alexander Bidlack, have you had another attack of vertigo?"

"No."

"Has your cashier broken his Murphy pledge?"

"No."

"Now I know—I expected it—I knew it all the time—I felt sure it would be so—Mr. Debonnaire has asked for Seraphina?"

"No, nothing of the kind."

"Then tell me—without waiting another moment—what has happened—I can bear it—let me know the worst."

"Well, that breeches button I told you about, has got tired of hanging by one thread, and here it is."

AN EXPENSIVE KISS.—The people of Newton, Kansas, must be a very amorous class of people. It has been but a few days since one prominent citizen ran away with the wife of another, and the result was a shooting affair at St. Joe, in which the husband was seriously wounded and the wife's paramour narrowly escaped a fatal shot. The news was received here yesterday of another serious affair in Newton, growing out of the attempt of Dr. Seaton to kiss Mrs Smith. Dr. Seaton is a bachelor dentist, of good character, but somewhat inclined to be fond of the women. A few days since Mrs. Smith wanted a troublesome tooth extracted and called on Dr. Seaton to relieve her. The doctor poised Mrs. Smith in his barber chair and was brandishing his tweezers when it occurred to him to snatch a kiss from the aching mouth of Mrs. S. He made the attempt, but the lady let fly on his left peeper and the tooth pulling came to a sudden halt. But Mrs. Smith was not satisfied with the punishment given the amorous dentist. She had him arrested for the offense. After a hotly contested trial the dentist was convicted and fined $25 and costs amounting to $51. This was the dearest kiss the dentist ever had.—*Kansas City Times, March* 16.

"Will the coming woman lecture?" asks a contemporary. If she marries she will.

For the Middletown Transcript.

A LETTER.

"O, Nellie. I'm all in a tremble,
When I tell you, you'll say its delight,
I must be so, to be *tout ensemble*,
I received a proposal last night.

"He's splendid! You know him—it's Harry;
Such a moustache! And such an address!
He kneeled when he asked me to marry,
And how could I help saying, yes?

"Pa and mamma gave us their blessing
In the newest and most approved style;
And, of course, you know Harry was pressing
To have the day named; so don't smile
When I tell you next month I'll be Mrs.—
O, Nellie! it seems like a dream;
And so Harry says when he kisses
Somebody. You know who I mean.

"We'll live in a cottage with ivy
And eglantine twining the door;
Some sweet little spot in the country,
When returned from our European tour.
And mamma and papa have promised
To order my trosseau from Paris;
O, Nellie, come see me. I'm happy;
Come visit your own loving Clarice."

GOOF.

Our Olio.

DEAD LETTERS.

Communications That Fail to Reach Their Destination—Wonders Unearthed.

Every day hundreds of precious and important letters go astray and hundreds of hearts are made sick by hope deferred. In the early colonial times, so the old yellow pamphlet in the department archives tells us, great pains were taken to recover letters which had been lost. A letter in those days was an expensive affair; paper cost a great deal, and the postage was considerable, ranging from twenty-five cents even up to one dollar, to say nothing of the annoyance of having to whittle out your own pen from the quill, and impressing on the back of the missive the immense seal so customary in those days. Some of these remarkable old epistles are still to be seen at the dead letter office. Their faded lines and yellow appearance lure one into a deep reverie of those long gone days, and the imagination pictures the writers, who years ago have crumbled into dust from which they came.

From November, 1777, to December 1789, all the letters that went astray are recorded in a book of forty-one pages. This covers a period of twelve years. A marked contrast is evident when it is known that for the year 1877 more than four millions of dead letters were received by the post office department.

For the handling of this immense number fifty-nine ladies and twenty-nine gentlemen are employed. It is an easy matter to talk about millions of letters, but when it is understood that each particular one has to be separated, handled, marked, inspected and the majority opened and returned to the writer, the magnitude of the work can be imagined, if not appreciated. When a letter is misdirected or the postage has not been prepaid it is sent by the postmaster immediately to the dead letter office, with the other letters which have not been called for. Here they are opened by the gentlemen who sit at long tables in the large cheerful room. If anything valuable is contained in them they are handed over to another division, where the contents are registered and placed in a large safe for future redemption. If there is nothing in them of value they are sent up stairs, where the ladies inspect them, and if the address of the writer is found the letter is inclosed to the person by whom it was written. If the letter has been held for postage a circular is sent to the person to whom it is addressed, informing him that there has been received at the dead letter office a letter directed to him which will be forwarded upon receipt of the necessary postage. To this circular the department receives many very funny replies. If no response is made within thirty days it is treated as an ordinary dead letter.

The great amount of money passing continually through the mails can be imagined when out of the dead letters alone, a small percentage, over $50,000 in money and more than $1,500,000 in drafts and commercial paper was taken within the last year. All but about $5,000 of this has been returned to the writers. A great share of this comes from the mis or non-directed letters. People seem to be so intent on what goes into the letter that they forget the superscription. It is a sad thought when one reflects upon the vast amount of suffering in many cases that comes from this neglect. Here, for instance, is an illustration, an exact copy of a letter received at the office not long since:

"My dear Mag—I received your verry wilkim letter yestuday it gave me grate ese of mind to here that you are well as this leaves me in at present, thank God!"

The writer then adds a sad story of disappointment and disaster, and finishes by saying: "I send you ten dollars for you need it more than I do."

Poor Mag! The ten dollars for which she has longed and waited has gone into Uncle Sam's rich purse—not from choice, but from necessity. Foreign letters are treated in a very diplomatic manner, and are in all cases returned across the water without being opened. America seems to be a perfect geographical enigma to foreigners when they direct letters to friends here. They mix all the States and cities up in one grand mess, and then put a considerable amount of the mixture on each letter. For instance, one address reads as follows: "Ole Anderson, Rockawy citi Pa North America, New York." Who will undertake to forward that letter? And yet the dwellers across the sea probably make no more mistakes of this kind than Americans, for how many of us fully understand all the geographical localities of the minor cities and provinces of Germany or Sweden, or, in fact, any country on the continent?

In the gallery there are seated forty or fifty ladies, whose business it is to return the letters in official envelopes to writers when their addresses can be found. Every day the huge sacks which go forth from that place crammed with letters show the amount of work which the ladies do. One handsome young lady is kept busy all the day in stamping the envelopes, and she does it with lightning rapidity. It is said that these ladies are the best readers of bad writing in the country, and it is not to be wondered at when one sees some of the specimens of their work. The average lady reader probably will say that it must be "too funny for anything" to be continually reading other people's love letters; but even gold tarnishes with much handling, so it is with reading other folks' letters when it has to be done at the rate of from twenty to fifty an hour, day after day and month after month.

A few months ago an application was received for a letter which had a famous history. Forty-two years ago it missed its destination and landed in the dead letter office. No call was made for it, and there it remained in the archieves till the descendants of the writer, wishing to prove their right to his property, obtained from old journals the information that the deed had been mailed at such a time to such a person, but had never reached its destination. They then made application to the department for the letter. The odds were so greatly against them that their surprise must have been boundless when the old yellow document was returned to them just as it had been mailed over forty years ago.

Many will remember the great sensation caused by the account of the marriage of Don Cabral, the "Diamond King," (a fictitious character created by Mr. William H. McElory, of the Albany *Evening Journal*). Papers all over the country published the account, and as a consequence hundreds of letters addressed to him came to the dead letter office, and were afterward returned to Mr. McElroy as the only living representative of the aforesaid fictitious Don. In his application for them he says: "I do not wish these letters for publication, but would value them for file in my scrapbooks as illustrating in a marked and unique manner the success of "The Brazilian Wedding," an extravaganza directed at one of the follies of modern life." The writers of these letters represented every degree of life, and all with American directness asked donations or loans from him for that or this purpose. Some even inclosed a postage stamp or a photograph only to have the clerks who returned these letters wonder at their credulity.

Every day there comes with the list from Philadelphia a letter inclosed in a plain, white envelope and addressed in the delicate chirography of a woman to "Edward P. Ewing," simply this and nothing more. The lady never signs anything but her initials, hence the letters cannot be returned to her. Here is the subject for a romantic novel. One can imagine a broken-hearted woman every day sending a letter out into the world to her lost lover, in vain hope that some day it may reach his hands. She does not know his whereabouts, so she sends her letter out, directed anywhere, nowhere, hoping yet despairing of its ever reaching him.

As the reporter left this interesting place he couldn't help thinking how much trouble and sadness would be averted if people would only direct their letters in a loud hand, as Pat did when writing to his deaf grandmother, making the superscription plain and full; or, if this does not suit the ladies, let them always add their address to their letters, and they will never be lost.—*Washington Republican.*

A lazy boy has conquered the kindling wood question. He just backs his father's best mule against the woodpile and throws the milking-stool at it.

"Are you a Christian?" asked a colporteur of a flower-girl on Broadway, N. Y., the other day. "No, sir; I'm a Buddist," was the prompt reply.

"Well, I swan, Billy," said an old farmer to an undersized nephew who was visiting him, "when you take off that 'ere plug hat and spit two or three times there ain't much left of you, is ther'?"

Sensations During Hanging.

A question has arisen which very few living persons are in a position to answer, viz., what are the sensations experinced during hanging? Some of the few who have been able to give any account of their consciousness at so critical a moment say that, after one instant of pain, the chief sensation is that of a mass of brilliant colors filling the eyeballs. The Quarterly Review, (vol. LXXXV.) treating on this matter says: "An acquaintance of Lord Bacon, who meant to hang himself partially, lost his footing, and was cut down at the last extremity, having nearly paid for his curiosity with his life. He declared that he felt no pain, and his only sensations were of fire before his eyes, which changed first to black and then to sky-blue. These colors are even a source of pleasure. A Captain Montagnac, who was executed in France during the religious wars, but was rescued from the gibbet at the intercession of Marshal Turenne, complained that, having lost all pain in an instant, he had been taken from a light of which the charm defied description. Another criminal, who escaped through the breaking of the halter, said that, after a second or two of suffering, a light appeared, and across it a most beautiful avenue of trees." All agree that the uneasiness is quite momentary, that a pleasurable feeling immediately succeeds, that colors of various hues start up before the eyes, and that these having been gazed at for a limited space, the rest is oblivion. The mind, averted from the reality of the situation, is engaged in scenes the most remote from that which fills the eye of the spectator.

Stock on the Farm.

The progress of improved stock on the farm has been onward and upward! Most farmers have adopted some of the improved breeds of stock and the entire farm stock is being improved, for it is here on the farm that the improved breeds of thoroughbred stock find their legitimate field, and farmers who expect to succeed best these times must get their farm stock as near full blood as possible, to mature quicker, grow larger, and sell for most money. Good stock requires good care, and we are glad to notice a general improvement in our former wasteful methods of feeding. Better barns, stables and sheds are provided for our farm stock. Our great staple, corn, is largely ground up or cooked before feeding to give the greatest benefit. Pure fresh water is provided by the wind mill in the absence of a running stream. Western farmers, by the aid of so much labor-saving machinery, can, with a little hired help, raise large crops of grass and grain, and the best method of marketing these crops is to feed to improved stock, not fancy stock, but high graded stock, bred from thoroughbred sires, if the full blood stock cannot be maintained; but for practical purposes the nearer full blood the better; whether cattle, hogs or sheep, for meat, for the dairy cows, or the wool from the sheep. There are well known breeds of superior excellence over our common native stock, and while the price these times is very low for all kinds of stock, it will not do to give up stock-raising, but rather improve all the farm stock, and the profits will improve just in that proportion.—*Ex.*

SMALL FRUITS IN GARDENS.—But few people seem to know the value of small fruits to a family, when grown in their own gardens. You commence with strawberries; they continue about a month. You pick, perhaps, from six to twelve quarts a day. You have them on your table as a dessert, if you please, at noon, and your tea table is loaded with them at evening, and you want but little else than your bread and butter. Your family consume, in one way and another about eight quarts a day, and while they last, no medicines for bodily ailment are required, as a quart of strawberries daily will generally dispel all ordinary diseases that are not settled permanently in the system. After strawberries, raspberries continue about three weeks; then we have blackberries when the climate is not too cold for cultivated varieties; then the currants ripen, which remain until the early grapes mature; and taking the season through any family with a half acre of land in a garden can grow small fruits that make country life delightful, and at the same time many dollars can be saved in the supply of the table.

Some sweet little verses which we have placed carefully away in the waste basket ask, "Will the robins come again?" Really, now we don't know. We hope they will. But the silver bill has passed. Anderson is in jail, congress is in session, civil-service reform is too sick to hold its head up. Chandler and Tilden say there was a bargain, the tax on whisky hasn't been reduced, Ben Butler is mad, Cox won't keep quiet, times are hard, and perhaps they will think themselves better off to stay where they are.

The Middletown Transcript

W. SCOTT WAY, EDITOR.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 30, 1878.

THE General Assembly of Maryland will finally adjourn on Monday next, and then the people of that State will be happy.

MRS. FASSETT's painting of the five-to-seven commission, now being executed in Washington, excites "general admiration" in that city.

HESTER, TULLY and MCHUGH, the Columbia county Molly Maguires, paid the penalty of their crimes, on the scaffold, Monday, at Bloomsburg, Pa. Tully made a confession of the crime. A few years since Hester was tried at Elkton, Md., for stealing a horse.

THE books of the Internal Revenue Bureau show that on the 1st of March the whisky producing capacity of the country was 228,265 gallons daily, against 246,539 gallons on the 1st of March, 1877. This statement shows a considerable decrease, but the producing capacity is still great enough to require a tremendous drinking capacity to get away with it.

ACCORDING to "trustworthy advices" from the northwest, that old rascal, Sitting Bull, is about to take the war-path again. Having been reinforced by lodges from the Missouri River Agencies his band is now supposed to number over 500 warriors, "well armed and equipped." We sincerely hope that he will get his hand in by first lifting the scalp of every Indian agent on the frontier.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for April is a many-sided number, containing something for every class of readers. The infinite variety of the number is not more striking than the largeness of every element entering into its composition. In the opening article, entitled "The American Clyde," the reader is introduced to the great iron ship-yards on the Delaware; and before his eyes every stage in the building of an iron ship is represented in the vigorous text of the article, and in numerous effective illustrations. Art subjects are given considerable space. Immediately associated with art subjects are the poetical contents. This number of the magazine contains over one hundred illustrations.

IN another column we give the views of a number of our growers in regard to the effect of the cold snap of Sunday night and Monday upon the peach crop. It seems to be the general opinion among the growers that the buds of all the profitable varieties are killed, and that there is no hope of even a tenth of a crop in this section. The news from down the Peninsula is equally discouraging, some experienced growers of the neighborhood of Smyrna and Dover having given it as their opinion that there is not one vital bud left in a thousand. The loss of this crop, upon which so many of our farmers depend, is indeed a distressing calamity, particularly at this time.

DELAWARE has been receiving more than ordinary attention lately from Philadelphia and New York journals, on account of the recent hanging of Collins and Chambers. We have no doubt but many good people, who know no more about the case than they have read in certain windy newspapers, think we hang "niggers" for mere pastime down here and would sooner string up ninety-nine innocent colored men than allow a single guilty one to escape. Several of these papers, since they have investigated the case and dived down for the truth, have not only ceased to condemn Governor Cochran for refusing to interfere with the course of justice, but are now commending him for standing firmly to his duty and allowing these men to suffer the just penalty of their nefarious crime.

We are not surprised at the fact that some northern journals availed themselves of the excellent opportunity to vent their pent up spleen and hatred against Delaware. In their eyes we have never been properly "reconstructed." Besides we have a whipping-post and pillory in each county, the very mention of which is sufficient to set them off into a tirade against the "relic of barbarism" to the extent of a column or two, in which the citizens of our little State are held up before the eyes of credulous readers as half civilized, or wholly barbarous and inhuman creatures. Of late, however, there has not been so much of this, and a demand for an assorted lot of whipping-posts is gradually increasing, even in several northern States.

A strong opposition to the execution of these negroes first manifested itself in Wilmington, and a lot of newspaper rumors in regard to the woman, Smith's dissolute habits, bad character, and her husband's perjury on the witness stand, soon spread over the country, and very many were ready and willing to believe them all without taking the time or trouble to examine into the merits of the case. But Smith, although denying his marriage to the woman, and impeaching her character, has never, so far as we can learn, denied the commission of the crime by the negroes, nor deviated from his first account of how he and the woman were induced to follow the negroes in search of work, which was never found, but the man knocked down and the woman outraged, and then led back to the road in a round-about way. The woman's statement has never varied from the one she made that night, and the confession of the younger negro, Collins, who was not present to hear her statement, corresponded with it exactly. The woman was an entire stranger in this neighborhood, but, after hearing her statement, persons were able to find the locality—which she described without hesitancy—could see where Smith had been knocked down, and could follow the tracks on to where the crime had been committed.

A Philadelphia journal says this crime can be called "nothing more than immorality." If this is so, then we say that all who commit such immoral acts should promptly dangle at the end of a rope.

Written for the Middletown Transcript.

DOWN THE PENINSULA.

Mr. Editor:—On Thursday, the 28th inst., Mr. Kenny, the able and efficient superintendent of the P. W. & B. R. R., with Mr. I. N. Mills, who so successfully manages the Delaware Division, accompanied by Messrs. Mahoney, Smith and Tasker, of the Delaware and P. W. & B. road, and B. T. Biggs, President of the Q. A. & K. road, took a trip down the Peninsula. They visited Centreville, the terminus of the Q. A. & K. road, and thence, via Townsend, proceeded to Seaford.

On arriving at Massey's the party found the wind-mill, which has recently been erected, pumping water in the tank, with a prospect of doing its work well.

The new granaries at Millington, Sudlersville and Price's, are now completed, and have a capacity of storing ten thousand bushels of grain. There has also been erected at Price's Station and Sudlersville, two neat and convenient passenger depots. Several new bridges have lately been put in along the road; all the old ones repaired, and the entire road improved, so that it is now in excellent working order, and bids fair to enjoy still brighter prospects.

Seldom are the wheat fields found looking better, at this season of the year, than at the present. There is an immense crop sown. One farmer near Centreville, Mr. McKenney, having in over two thousand acres.

The party stopped at Millington; were received by Messrs. Thos. Mallalieu and Sons, and by them hospitably entertained at dinner. These gentlemen are woollen manufacterers, near this place, Mr. Mallilieu having come here in 1852. He thought it good work to turn out ten thousand yards the first year, but he now employs 22 men and manufactures about ten thousand yards a month. These goods are celebrated for their durability all over this country, and find a ready market in any of our cities. Messrs. Mallalieu & Sons have six hundred acres of land in a high state of cultivation. After dinner their peach orchard of six thousand trees was visited. The buds were found to be somewhat injured, but a sufficient number left to yield a fair average crop.

At Dover, Manlove Hayes, Esq., joined the party. He reported the peach prospect near the water, east of Dover, to be almost universally destroyed; but in the interior, although the buds are badly damaged, as far as could be ascertained, there is a prospect for a fair crop. From the most reliable information, peaches upon the line of the Q. A. & K. R. R. bid fair to yield an average crop. Although the buds are unquestionably badly injured in some sections, yet if nothing further happens to kill them, there may be a fair yield on the Peninsula.

TEMPUS.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27, 1878.

As Senator Conkling has not frightened members of the Administration by his silence, nor Blaine terrified them by his indiscriminate noise, though the latter must have amazed them as he has every one else, a new departure was lately determined on. Yesterday Senator Howe attacked in detail every act of Mr. Hayes since March 4, 1877. Senator Howe is a man who, if he had stayed in Maine, his native State, would have been a Judge of Probate, perhaps a State Senator, and, in case of a party quarrel, might have got for one term to the lower House of Congress. If he had gone to his present State, Wisconsin, at any time in the last fifteen years, his fate would have been the same there as it would have been in Maine. He emigrated at a fortunate time for him, and the result is that he has been the most conspicuous man of his adopted State. His term as Senator expires in March next. His speech, in itself, can do no possible harm to the Administration. It was simply a repetition of what the *Globe-Democrat*, of Missouri, the *Traveler*, of Boston, and the *Whig*, of Bangor, Me., have been saying for a year past, and was not as effectively stated by him as by them.

If, however, he was put forward by others, to find out at what point a general attack will most likely have effect, the case is different. Abler men will avoid his mistakes and take advantage of his discoveries. Hamlin is said to have been the author of the new movement. His trained political eye saw that the Administration was gaining day by day among the people by the failure of its enemies to take the offensive.

In executive session, yesterday, the Senate rejected the nomination of Hon. Lewis E. Parsons, as U.S. District Attorney for Alabama. This was not a party or an Administration fight.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs opposes the reduction of expenses, provided for by the House, in the consular and diplomatic bill. It remains to be seen whether the House will "stick." Probably it will not. The Texas delegation in the House, all Democrats, had a caucus the other day by themselves, and resolved to oppose any reduction in the army. Representatives of other sections and of various interests are constantly interfering with well intended efforts in the interest of economy and reform. If we are to have success in the future, it seems to me that it is time there was harmony in the party in the support of every legitimate party measure.

The unsavory McGarrahan case still occupies the attention of the Senate Committee on Public Lands, and promises to do so for some time. It excites great interest, not only on account of the enormous value of the property at stake, and the charges of corruption freely made and fully proved by both sides to the controversy, but because so many public men of prominence in the country, for the last half generation, in Congress and the Cabinet, have been called upon to investigate the subject, and have arrived at opposite conclusions as to the merits of McGarrahan's claim. There is, to use a common phrase, "no end to the value of quicksilver in the disputed territory."

It is thought now that Packard will be appointed Collector of the port of New Orleans, Anderson to remain as his Deputy. Packard was offered a $12,000 office in this District, but declined it. It was an office where no more than $12,000 could be made in one year, while in the Custom House at New Orleans, with Wells and Anderson as his supporters, who can estimate the income? The same capacity for figuring that converted a minority of 8,000 into a capacity of 4,000 sees possibilities, in a Custom House, which may be called brilliant. SOLON.

GENERAL NEWS.

Joseph Nare, a respectable farmer of Fonda, N. Y., hanged himself on Thursday morning.

Two inches of snow fell in Buffalo on Saturday night and Sunday. Eight inches fell at Watertown, N. Y.

The Democratic Convention of Rhode Island met on Friday of last week and nominated a ticket headed by J. B. Barnaby for Governor.

Four children were poisoned at Brussels, Ontario, on Wednesday, by eating wild parsnips. Two are dead and the others not likely to recover.

The Senate of Ohio, on Tuesday, passed a bill making it a penitentiary offence for a male school teacher to have criminal intercourse with female pupils, even with their consent.

Specimens of counterfeit half dollars, trade dollars and legal tender dollars are in possession of the Secret Service Division of the Treasury. The counterfeits are close imitations, but they are lighter than the genuine coins.

The cashier of the Planet Mills was knocked down in one of the streets of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday afternoon, while on his way from bank to the mills, and robbed of $3,500. His assailants, four in number, drove off in a wagon. They were followed for some distance by a policeman and an excited crowd, but escaped.

The State Convention of the National party of Massachusetts, met Wednesday in Springfield. Fifty-nine counties were represented. Resolutions were adopted favoring the immediate issue of legal-tender currency to the limit of at least four hundred millions, and recommending the formation of National Greenback Clubs.

A conflagration in Philadelphia, on Monday night, destroyed the Ketterlinus block, a large five-story iron front structure, at the southeast corner of Fourth and Cherry streets, burned several buildings on Fourth street and damaged several others, spread east along Cherry street, then along Loxley's court, and then east in spots as far as the western side of Front street, destroying and damaging a number of buildings. The total loss is estimated at $1,200,000.

DIED.

ELLIS—In Middletown, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., William Ellis, aged 70 years.

ROBERTS—In Middletown, on the 27th inst., Mrs. Anna Maria Roberts, in the 83d year of her age.

BAKER—Suddenly on the 27th inst., in Odessa, Del., Henry P. Baker, in the 63d year of his age.

Interment this (Saturday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the M. E. Cemetery.

State papers please copy.

OBITUARY.

Departed this life at St. Louis, Michigan, on the 22d inst., MRS. DR. STILES KENNEDY.

The funeral services took place at the residence of her father, Mr. William Reybold, on Thursday, the 28th inst. Interment in the cemetery of the St. Georges Presbyterian Church.

Highly educated and intelligent, as a christian hers was the ornament of a "meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God, of great price." As a wife, she loved her husband, ever studying his interests and happiness. As a mother, loving, devoted and faithful. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."—Rev. xiv, 13.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY ISAAC JONES, JR.

Wheat,	$1 25@1 30
Corn, yellow	46½ cts
Corn, white	45@46 cts
Oats	30 cts
Timothy Seed	2 25
Clover "	7@7½ c ℔ lb

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Eggs	10@12 cts. ℔ doz
Butter	25@30cts ℔ lb
Lard	8 " "
Turkeys, dressed,	10@10 " "
Chickens, "	9@10 " "
Ducks, "	9@10 " "
Geese, "	6@ 8 " "

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Prime red wheat	$1 30@1 31 ℔ bus
Corn,	48@53 ℔ bus
Oats (Delaware)	35@37 cts
Clover seed	07@08 ℔ lb
Timothy	1 20@1 45

BALTIMORE MARKETS

Wheat, good to amber	1 30@$1 32
Corn, white,	48@53
Corn, yellow,	48@53
Oats, Southern, new,	33@37
Rye	62@64

New Advertisements.

Something New in Middletown!

I TAKE PLEASURE IN INFORMING THE public that I have lately completed the construction of

BATH ROOMS,

ADJOINING MY BARBER SHOP

with arrangements for Hot and Cold Water Baths, and have had everything adjusted with an eye to convenience and comfort.

In my Barber Shop will always be found polite and skilled artists, and strict care will be given to the comfort and satisfaction of customers. Give me a call.

J. C. WILSON,
Next door to Lindley & Kemp's,
march30-3m Main St., Middletown, Del.

FOR RENT.

A COMMODIOUS DWELling, situated on Main St., next to the Methodist Parsonage. It contains nine rooms, front and side porches, side yard, garden, pump at the kitchen door, under cover, and other conveniences not usually found in a dwelling for rent.

The desirable location of this dwelling, with the numerous conveniences and comforts surrounding it, will commend it to persons desiring a pleasant home in a good neighborhood, and at a moderate rent.

For further particulars apply to
NATH. WILLIAMS,
mar 30-1m Middletown, Del

New Advertisements.

Come and See Us!

WE HAVE LOCATED OURSELVES AT the store lately occupied by A. T. BRADLEY,

On Main Street, adjoining the Machine Shops,

and are now opening as fine a stock of

Groceries and Provisions

as there is in Middletown,

Sugars, Coffees, Teas, Spices, Canned Goods, Soaps, Starch, Meat, Fish, Lard, Flour, Feed, Meal, Tobacco, Segars,

and all the minor articles to be found in the make up of a first-class Grocery and Provision Store.

Sliced Ham and Chipped Dried Beef.

All kinds of country produce in season, for which we will pay the highest market price in cash or trade.

Confident as to the quality of our stock, and our ability to sell as low as the lowest, we respectfully offer ourselves as candidates for the public patronage.

Orders taken and goods delivered in any part of town. Give us a trial order.

JOE T. STILES. S. SEWELL LEATHERBERRY.
STILES & LEATHERBERRY,
mar 30-tf Middletown, Del.

Farmers and Others

IN WANT OF

Coal, Lime, PLASTER,

Fertilizers, Etc., Ect.,

CALL ON OR ADDRESS

JOSEPH HANSON

Commission Merchant,

Middletown, Delaware,

who is prepared to furnish the same at the most reasonable rates.

Rambo's celebrated Lime delivered at any Station on the Delaware Railroad, or its connections, or by water, at reasonable rates. Other Limes furnished upon request.

Ground Plaster furnished in bulk, barrels and bags, at

BOTTOM PRICES.

Walton, Wbann & Co's Phosphates.

Coal delivered at any point by Railroad or water at reasonable rates.

Building Lime on hand. mar 30-tf

GRAND OPENING!

SPRING WE WILL OPEN ON OPENING
SPRING SATURDAY, OPENING
SPRING March 30th, OPENING
SPRING The largest Stock of OPENING
SPRING READY-MADE OPENING
SPRING Clothing OPENING
SPRING FOR OPENING
SPRING Men, Youths, OPENING
SPRING AND OPENING
SPRING CHILDREN, OPENING
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that has yet been offered in Middletown.

We have on hand a fine selection of Piece Goods, as samples, to select from, and Cassimeres for Pants, made to order, only $5 00. Also a fine selection of Gents' Furnishing Goods, such as Neck-Ties, Collars, Suspenders, & Custom-made Fine White Shirts. Prices from 50 cts. to $1 25. A beautiful little Neck-Tie for 5 cents, or six for 25 cents, at the

Boston Branch One-Price

Clothing House,

No. 1 Town Hall

Middletown.

SPRING mar30 V. E. HOLMES. OPENING

Administrators' Sale OF Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER of the Orphan's Court of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, will be exposed to sale, at public vendue, at the hotel of Alexander Maxwell, in the town of Middleton, on

Thursday, 25th day of April,

A. D., 1878, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the following described real estate, being the property of John Cochran, deceased, to-wit:

One equal undivided sixth part of all that tract of land, with the Dwelling House and Buildings thereon erected, situate in St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County, and State of Delaware, known as the "Rumsey Farm," and bounded as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stone on the west side of the Evesham or Warwick Road; thence north 61¾°, east thirty-six perches to a stone, a corner formerly to Dr James Naudain, now to John P. Cochran; thence north 9°, east sixty-four perches to a corner formerly of said James Naudain, now of John P. Cochran; thence south 83°, east twenty perches and nine-tenths to a stake; thence still with said James Naudain's and Benjamin Field's land, now of John P. Cochran, and the heirs of George Derrickson, dec'd, north 14°, west two hundred and ninety-two perches and four-tenths to a stake, a corner formerly of Joshua Driver and Benjamin Fields, now the heirs of the said Derrickson and Thomas Murphey, in a branch known by the name of —— branch; thence by the same the different courses thereof, to a corner stone formerly for Hudson Clifton, now for William Polk, and the division line of the aforesaid ——; thence with the said division lines south 4¼°, east twenty-two perches and nine-tenths; south 42¾°, east fifty-three perches and seven-tenths to a white oak; south 16°, east twenty-one perches and two-tenths; south, 10½°, east fifty perches and nine-tenths; south 19½°, east eighteen perches to a maple in the branch; thence —— 81°, east sixty-two perches to a stone in an old road; thence south 46¼°, east one hundred and seventy-one perches to the place of beginning, containing four hundred and sixteen acres and seventy-six square perches of land, more or less.

Attendance will be given and terms made known at the time and place aforesaid by

WM. R. COCHRAN,
CHAS. P. COCHRAN,
Adm'rs, or by their Attorney.

Attest: J. M. HOUSMAN, Clk Orphan's Court.
mar 30-2w

FOR SALE!

10,000 FIRST-CLASS CHESTNUT Posts and Rails, dressed or in the rough.
GEO. M. D HART,
deo 1-tf Townsend, Del.

FOR SALE!

STOCK AND FIXTURES OF A WHEELwright Shop, situated in the village of Warwick, Cecil County, Maryland.

Apply to J. E. DICKSON,
mar 16-3t Warwick, Md.

New Advertisements.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

New Castle County National Bank of Odessa.

At Odessa, in the State of Delaware.

At the close of business, March 15, 1878:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$139,588 18
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	75,000 00
Other stocks, bonds & mortgages	1,926 46
Due from approved reserve agents,	826 41
Due from other National Banks	1,842 03
Due from State banks & bankers,	3,969 35
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	9,478 35
Current expenses and taxes paid	136 93
Checks and other cash items	70 69
Bills of other banks	2,630 00
Fractional currency (including nickels)	75 36
Specie	372 00
Legal tender notes	9,531 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	3,375 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. redemption fund,	1,400 00
Total	$250,221 76

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 75,000 00
Surplus fund	28,000 00
Undivided profits	3,163 09
National bank notes outstanding,	67,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	74,848 00
Due to other National banks	1,710 67
Total	$250,221 76

State of Delaware, County of New Castle, ss:

I, J. L. Gibson, Cashier of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22d day of March, 1878.

J. G. BROWN, N. P.

Correct—Attest: CHARLES TATMAN, WILLIAM POLK, JOHN C. CORBIT, } Directors.
mar 30-1w

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK,

At Middletown.

In the State of Delaware, at the close of business, March 15th, 1878:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$134,577 01
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	80,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages,	3,711 87
Due from approved reserve agents,	1,133 54
Due from other National banks	4,823 84
Due from State banks and bankers,	123 75
Real estate, furniture and fixtures,	14,400 00
Current expenses and taxes paid.	471 50
Checks and other cash items	15 00
Bills of other banks	985 00
Fractional currency, (including nickels)	56 58
Specie (including gold Treasury certificates)	365 00
Legal tender notes	8,433 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation.)	2,350 00
Total	$251,446 09

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$80,000 00
Surplus fund	20,500 00
Undivided profits	3,185 53
National Bank notes outstanding,	71,400 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	69,819 60
Due to other National banks	1,540 96
Bills payable	5,000 00
Total	$251,446 09

State of Delaware, County of New Castle, ss:

I, John R. Hall, Cashier of The Citizens' National Bank, of Middletown, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

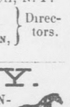
JOHN R. HALL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22d day of March 1878.

J. S. CROUCH, N. P.

Correct—Attest: B. T BIGGS, J. A. REYNOLDS, JAMES CULBERTSON, } Directors.
March 30—1w.

LIBERTY.



BY RYSDYK'S HAMBLETONIAN, will make the season of 1878, at Middletown and vicinity.

Terms reduced to $25 to insure, $5 of which is certain money.

The colts of this horse show speed, size, form and good color. We invite their inspection.

For further information apply to
HAMBLETONIAN STOCK ASSOCIATION,
mar 30-tf Middletown, Del.

NOTICE!

I TAKE THIS METHOD OF INFORMING my friends and the public that I have removed my office to the

DRUG STORE,

ON MAIN STREET,

Opposite MAXWELL'S HOTEL,

where I will, in connection with the practice of my profession, conduct the drug business in all its branches. I have recently refitted the store room and received a supply of fresh drugs and druggist's sundries.

G. G. CHAMBERLAINE, M. D.
Middletown, Del., March 23, 1878. 3m

Pure No. 1 Peruvian Guano.

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MANUFACTURERS OF

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WE HAVE CONSTANTLY ON HAND PLOWS, HARROWS and CULTIVATORS, and will make wagons to order in the very best manner.

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In our QUEENSWARE DEPARTMENT we can show the

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OF FRENCH and ENGLISH CHINA, WHITE GRANITE, C. C., and DECORATED WARE on the Peninsula, comprising

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And a thousand other articles which want of space prevents us from enumerating.

These goods are all purchased for cash, from the manufactures, in large quantities, which enable us to offer them to our customers at the same prices paid by our competitors to Philadelphia jobbers.

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Orders may be left either at my Barber Shop, or at my residence, on Main Street, Middletown, Del.

HARRY FISHER,
Hair Dresser.
Middletown, Del., March 23, 1878-tf

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HAVE OPENED THEIR NEW STORE,

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WITH A CHOICE AND WELL-SELECTED STOCK OF

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Feeling grateful for the patronage extended to us in the past, we would cordially invite an examination of our stock, assuring our customers that only reliable Goods will be found ugon our counters.

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Physician's Prescriptions are made a Specialty,

and are compounded at all hours with care and despatch, and just as they are written never is an article substituted for anything I have not in stock, unless by the consent of the prescriber, nor is anything left out for the same reason.

Pure Wines and Liquors are kept for medicinal uses only, and everything usually kept by all first-class druggists, and many things that cannot be had at any other place can be had here.

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Being a graduate of Electropathy I still continue its practice, and during the eleven years which I have been using it have had wonderful success, as hundreds of persons treated by me will bear testimony.

I am also agent for Dr. Kidder's Galvanic Battery, and can furnish them at his retail prices in New York. Old Galvanic machines repaired and made as good as new, provided the coil is uninjured.

In order to make up for the great reduction in prices for medicines, &c., I am compelled hereafter to sell for cash on delivery unless otherwise stipulated by special agreement.

Thankful for the favors received during the 25 years I have been in the drug business, I hope by continued application to business to merit and receive a large increase of public patronage.

H. P. BAKER,
July 14, 1877.—1y ODESSA, DEL.

SEPTEMBER, 1877.

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In fact every thing that is kept in a first-class Country Store.

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Respectfully,

W. H. MOORE & CO.,
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THE Dwelling House, formerly occupied by me, on North Broad Sreet. This is one of the nicest and most convenient dwelling houses in the town. It has ten rooms and a cellar, garden, pump, etc. The location is very desirable. Possession at once. For further information apply to

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G. E. HUKILL,
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SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 30, 1878.

Local Affairs.

Trade in garden seeds was not so lively, Monday last.

H. P. Baker, Esq., of Odessa, died suddenly of apoplexy, Wednesday last.

A polar wave swept by Sunday night last and knocked the mercury down to 20°.

Rev. Dr. Patton will preach at the chapel, Armstrongs' Corner, to-morrow afternoon at 2 30 o'clock.

Winter did not "linger in the lap of spring" but it sat down in the lap of spring mighty sudden, Sunday night last.

J. C. Wilson has lately constructed bath rooms in the rear of his barber shop where you can have it "hot or cold."

Hereafter the hour of holding evening service in the various churches of this town will be 7.30 o'clock instead of seven, as heretofore.

R. B Merritt, our new merchant, will, in a few days, open out in the store room formerly occupied by Reynolds & Co. as a clothing store

A band of roving Gypsies, with 19 horses and six wagons, passed through town on Friday. Some of their horses were very fine looking animals.

Two "Uncle Tom" troops are billed for the Town Hall within one week of each other. Sam Sanford's company will appear on the nights of April 8th and 9th.

C. F. Hart, special correspondent of the N. Y. *Herald*, was in town on Saturday and Sunday last He interviewed Gov. Cochran in regard to his course in the Chambers-Collins hanging.

Col. Clayton has planted shade trees in front of his property on Broad Street, south of Main. The Colonel believes in improvement and we should like to see other property holders in Middletown follow his example.

Members of Union Lodge. No. 5, A. F. & A. M., will meet in the Lodge room, to-day, (Saturday.) at 12.30 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. H. P. Baker. Members of the fraternity are cordially invited to attend

Wm. W. Wilson drove out this week with the nobbiest express team ever seen on the Peninsula south of Wilmington. The set of double harness were particularly attractive in appearance and were manufactured by A. H. Russell of this town.

A number of small bridges on the road leading from St. Augustine to Town Point, Md are in very bad condition. Cecil County sells her roads out to the "lowest bidder," and some of these days one of these "lowest bidders" will have a horse to pay for.

Paint your houses, fellow citizens. Paint will not only improve the appearance of the town but will preserve your property, insure you better rents, keep your wives in a good humor, put your neighbors in the notion of following your example, and make you feel happy that you have done somethnig toward the onward march of improvement in Middletown.

Public examination of the Middletown schools will be held in the Academy on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, of April 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th, as follows: Miss R. A. Maxwell's department, April 2d. Mrs. A. S. Wright's department, April 3d. Mr. A. S. Wright's department, April 4th and 5th. The exercises will be interspersed with Music, Declamations and Select Reading. Parents, friends and the public are cordially invited.

Last week we stated that the National Hotel was about to change proprietors and the statement was correct, Mr. Maxwell having disposed of it to Mr. W. H. Anthony, who, for some months has been conducting it for Mr. M. This hotel is one of the finest on the Peninsula, and, as the new proprietor, since he has been in charge for Mr. Maxwell, has demonstrated to the satisfaction of our people that he knows "how to keep a hotel," we have no doubt but it will continue to be a popular place for the weary traveler to stop and refresh himself.

Squire Naudain had a knotty case Tuesday night last. John Wilson, (col.) accused Mary Wilson, his wife, of being too much married, while Mary said her marriage with the aforesaid John Wilson was null and void because he had had his lawful alotment of wives when he married her; but John affirmed that the woman he had wedded previously to his nuptials with Mary, possessed a living husband or two and he therefore considered *that* marriage unlawful. The case is held under advisement.

A New Firm.

Messrs. Joe Stiles and Sewell Leathberry have commenced the grocery business at Bradley's old stand, Main St., near the Machine Shops. These young men possess both energy and business "snap," and we have no doubt but they will build up a prosperous business They have invested in a liberal amount of printer's ink at the start, and we never have any doubts as to the success of a firm that takes this course. The new firm will deal in staple and fancy groceries, flour, meal and feed, and country produce of all kinds.

Improvements.

A stranger coming into Middletown at this time would be astonished to see the way our citizens are making things move. Monday last Eliason & Brother vacated R. A. Cochran's store room, in Cochran Square, and Wednesday morning the front of the building was out and the foundation being laid for a brick front. Reynolds & Co. will occupy this store room when finished.

The building lately occupied by S. B. Kelly as a shoe store, also the property of Mr R. A. Cochran, was put on rollers and on Wednesday started up Main Street, and safely placed in its new position, nearly opposite to Adkisson & Co's. drug store, on Thursday. This building is to undergo important alterations, and when finished will be occupied as a bakery and confectionery by Morris Cummings, of Elkton, Md. We are informed that Mr. J. B Foard will immediately commence the erection of a handsome dwelling upon the lot from which this building has been removed.

Moore & Co's. old store house is now being demolished and the erection of a new and handsome brick structure will be commenced at once. The store will be ready for occupancy early in July.

Col. Clayton has commenced the erection of a store house on Broad St., south of M L. Hardcastle's store, which he expects to have completed May 1st. It will be a handsome and commodious building, and, when finished, will be occupied by J. F. Eliason & Bro.

Change of Base.

A number of our business men changed locations during the early part of this week—Kelly, the shoe man, moved from the store opposite Lindley & Kemps to the room on Broad Street formerly occupied by the P. A. & P. Association. The buiding formerly occupied by Mr. Kelly has been removed.

Rice has left the room in the Town Hall and branched in two directions, having opened a confectionery in the room lately occupied by Dr. Chamberlaine as an office, and the bakery lately occupied Mr. John Carrol. He is making some improvements on the latter building, and expects soon to open a first-class bakery.

The room left vacant by Rice has been taken by Moore & Co., who are demolishing their old store house, on the site of which they will immediately commence the erection of a handsome and commodious brick building, which they will occupy soon as completed. We learn that Moore & Co's. new store will be one of the largest in town.

Eliason & Bro., being unable to get a business stand in town, have removed their goods and stored them. Col. Clayton, however, has commenced the erection of a store house on Broad Street, just south of Main, which will be completed about May 1st, and occupied by this firm.

The room vacated by Eliason Bros. is being thoroughly overhauled by the owner, Mr Robert A. Cochran, and when finished will be occupied by Reynolds & Co.

Miss Tinley has removed her Millinery Store to the room lately occupied by F. Taroni as a confectionery, while Taroni has gone to the store left vacant by Miss Tinley. This is a fair exchange

Mr. C. E. Anderson has removed his harness store across the street to the building along side of Adkisson & Co's. drug store.

Our Home Industries.

[Under this head we desire to give a short sketch of the different manufacturing enterprises of this community, and we shall feel indebted to our friends for any information they can give us on this subject.]

COX & BRO'S. CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY.

More than fifty years ago, Garret Cox, father of the members of the present firm of Cox & Bro., commenced the wheelwright business in Middletown, and ten years later commenced, in connection with this business, the manufacture of carriages. At a later period he took his son, J. M. Cox, in business with him and the firm became Cox & Son, who were succeeded by the present firm in 1857.

In 1859, Cox & Bro commenced the manufacture of carriages on a more extensive scale than formerly with the expectation of establishing a large southern trade at Galveston, Texas, where they opened a branch salesroom in charge of an agent, and in the winter of the above named year shipped a large number of carriages and a lot of harness to that point. Owing to the breaking out of our civil war, shortly afterward, communication was cut off between the firm and their Texas agent, and the shipment of carriages and harness was, to the firm, a total loss.

Since the war Cox & Bro. have relied more upon a near trade and made no effort to find a foreign market for their carriages. Owing to the great depression of business and scarcity of money for several years, this branch of industry has been exceedingly dull, but this season the Messrs. Cox are pushing their business and are now running a full force of hands on full time, and expect to turn out as many, if not more carriges than during any previous year.

A carriage of their manufacture took first premium at the first annual fair of the Peninsula Agricultural and Pomological Association and also carried off first honors at the annual fair of 1877.

The carriages manufactured by this firm are celebrated both for finish and durability, they having always made it a rule to turn out only first-class work

If the trade of the present season will justify it, the Messrs. Cox will probably make some important improvements in their factory, and will no doubt increase their facilities for the production of fine carriages of all kinds. They will also seek a wider market this season than they have during any year since the war, and their special aim will be to turn out good and durable carriages at moderate prices, but no clap-trap vehicles put up to *sell* alone.

The Cold Snap and the Peaches.

Wishing to obtain some reliable information in regard to the effect of the cold weather of Monday night last on the peach trees, a reporter of the TRANSCRIPT called on a number of growers, asking their views, with the following result:

Mr. H. A. Nowland, in company with Mr T. Cochran, had examined an orchard thoroughly and found the germs of Reeve's and Crawford's late killed outright, and other varieties seriously damaged. Mr. Nowland thought the Early York variety was not injured.

Mr. Charles Derrickson thought there was no doubt but the cold weather had destroyed the greater portion of the germs in his orchard and feared the prospect for a crop was very dark.

Mr. M. N. Willets was of the opinion that Reeve's, Mountain Rose, Mixon, Smock and Crawford's late were badly injured, particularly the latter variety. Other varieties he thought had suffered very little and would produce a fair crop.

Mr. E. R. Cochran informed our reporter that he, in company with W. A. Comegys, had gone over a thrifty orchard of fifty acres and that Mr. Comegys had concluded there were not enough living germs in the orchard to produce a car load of fruit. Another orchard was examined with the same result. Mr. Cochran said he had examined a great many buds and found them nearly all dead. In Crawford's late he had not found one sound one in a hundred. He said the variety known as the Early Beatrice had escaped the frost; some three years old trees of that variety which he had examined, not having one dead bud in ten.

Hon. B. T. Biggs had examined an orchard at Townsend and found the trees had suffered much from the cold snap, and thought there was little prospect of a crop.

Mr. Wm. Green thought the buds had all been killed except in some localities where the soil was heavy. He thought that many buds were effected that might now appear alive but would show their injury in time. His opinion was that the peach crop had been injured beyond hope, in this locality at least.

Mr. W. R. Cochran had examined his orchard with similar results. He considered the crop seriously injured. Some varieties he thought might produce a basket to the tree if they sustained no further damage. He thought Crawford's had suffered more than other varieties and that only those varieties had escaped partial destruction that were backward in putting out.

Thomas Clayton, near Mount Pleasant, was of the opinion that his orchard had been badly injured except the smock variety. He thought there might be a fair crop of smocks in his orchard if they sustained no further injury.

Mr. N. Williams said he was not prepared at present to express an opinion but would give us full information in regard to peaches about the fourth of next July.

PORT PENN ITEMS.

Last Wednesday evening, (March 20th) the Port Penn Presbyterian Church gave their pastor a complete surprise in the shape of a Donation. Would that all surprises were as gratifying! Mr. Boardman was in his study at the time, and knew nothing of it until one of the gentlemen went over to call him after the table had been arranged. The Donation was really a valuable one in a moneyed point of view—being altogether substantial in its character. Flour, sugar, hams, candles, starch, butter, lard and other groceries; potatoes, turnips, lettuce, &c. Indeed, it was in many respects a model donation. Mrs. Boardman expressed herself as much gratified at receiving over 30 balls of carpet rags for a kitchen carpet, into which were sewed many pleasant thoughts and kind wishes. The whole affair gave pleasure as an expression of the good-will and affection of the congregation.

The frost of Sunday night injured the prospects for a peach crop considerably, but one of our largest growers still has hopes for half a crop. Some varieties are much more injured than others. K. S.

PORT PENN, March 26th, 1878.

MR. EDITOR:—At the weird hour of 12, last night, our townspeople were awakened by the terrifying cry of fire, and, in the words of the fair singer of Michigan, "The fire fiend shrieked in the lurid gale, and tossed his livid hair towards the inky pall, made pale by the bended heavens' glare." The fire was first discovered by Mr. Wm. Flemming, who was returning from Delaware City, and whose olfactory organs are peculiarly acute, and their acuteness probably saved the town from devastation. He smelt, investigated, and saw the flames issuing from Mrs. Roses' kitchen. He therefore yelled with a vigor sufficiently vigorous to arouse several young men, who surrounded him and added their voices in the yell, and by the time the inhabitants were thoroughly aroused and alarmed into running through the streets in their retiring garments, Mr. Nate Yearsly and George Webb had subjugated the flames; the people therefore returned their feather beds and crockery to their mansions and peace reigned once again. Damage to the building, estimated at $250; fully insured. This is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary and a strict investigation is being made. GOOF.

Rev. Wm. H. Chapman, Pastor of M. E. Church, Georgetown, D. C., writes: "Having had an opportunity to test the excellent qualities of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, I hesitate not to say, it is the best remedy I have ever used in my family."

With what complacency must the lady who uses Glenn's Sulphur Soap glance at her mirror, for there she sees reflected a complexion devoid of blemish. This peerless purifier may be relied upon to remedy all skin irritations. Sold by all Druggists. Hill's Hair & Whisker Dye, black or Brown, 50 cts.

Announcements of Candidates.

Candidates for office will be announced under this heading in the *Transcript*, until the nomination, for $5, invariably in advance.

For Coroner.
JOHN M. ENOS,
Of Wilmington Hundred.
Subject to the decision of the Democratic Party, of New Castla, in 1878.

FOR SHERIFF:
To the Electors of New Castle County:

FELLOW-CITIZENS—I offer myself to your consideration as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the nomination of the Democratic party, pledging myself to support the successful nominee. JOHN PYLE.

FOR SHERIFF:
C. E. ANDERSON,
Of St. Georges Hundred.
Subject to the nomination of the Democratic Party.

For Sheriff in 1878.
P. J. LYNCH,
OF ST. GEORGES HUNDRED.
Subject to the nomination by the Democratic Party, and pledges himself to support the nominee.

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY.

[This column is open to all who will express thier views in a respectful manner, use no personal abuse or puffs, and quit when they are done. ED.]

A Complaint.

In a communication last week from "Young Bachelor" we find the appeal to our newly elected commissioners, "Give us improvements and tax us accordingly." Now let each taxpayer specify some one improvement which would either remove a nuisance or add decidedly to the health or comfort of numbers of our citizens, and we may confidently hope that offensive exhalations and disgusting offal will disappear from our public thoroughfares. Among these the occupants of stores and other buildings from Maxwell's Hotel down towards the Presbyterian Church, feel that they have a right to complain. Notwithstanding their daily efforts to keep the gutters clean in this locality, there is an ever fresh accumulation of waste water with its accompanying refuse material from the hotel. Even at this season the scum of decomposed matter in front of the open lot threatens miasma. During the hot weather it often becomes so loathsome and disgusting that persons cross the street to avoid inhaling it. In times past petitions have been sent to our commissioners by the neighborhood that a drain might be made for this waste water in the rear of the hotel. All the other dwelling houses have this provision made by drainage in their back yards. Through your paper may not we, who suffer most from this nuisance, petition for its removal.

A BELIEVER IN THE LAWS OF HEALTH.

AN ASTONISHING FACT— A large proportion of the American people are to-day dying from the effects of Dyspepsia or disordered liver. The result of these diseases upon the masses of intelligent and valuable people is most alarming, making life actually a burden instead of a pleasant existence of enjoyment and usefulness as it ought to be. There is no good reason for this, if you will only throw aside prejudice and skepticism, take the advice of Druggists and your friends, and try one bottle of Green's August Flower. Your speedy relief is certain. Millions of bottles of this medicine have been given away to try its virtues, with satisfactory results in every case. You can buy a sample bottle for 10 cents to try. Three doses will relieve the worst case. Positively sold by all Druggists on the Western Continent.

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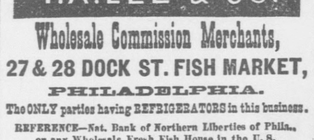

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The quotations that follow will repay a careful reading.

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We test carefully the goods we sell and guarantee to take back and return the money for such as are different from expectations.

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23 pieces 19-in. good weight Gro Grains 75c.
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One case Colored Alpacas 12½c
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One case Twilled Beige 25c
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One case Camel's Hair Suiting 25c
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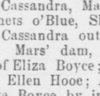

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ST. ANNE'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.—Rev. G. W. W. Lewis, Rector. Sundays—Morning Prayer, 10.30 a. m.; Evening Prayer, 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9 a. m. Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5 o'clock.

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Miscellaneous Adv's.

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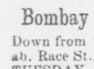
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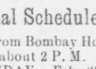

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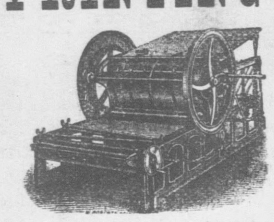

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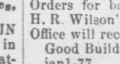
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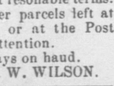

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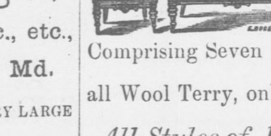

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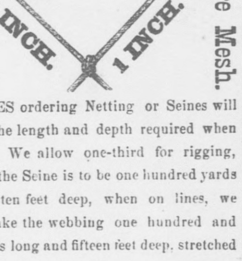

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AMERICAN SPORTS.—Some of the most novel and entertaining of these papers are yet to appear, the scenes of which will be in the West, the Middle States, the South, New England and Canada.

OUT-OF-DOOR PAPERS,—by John Burroughs, author of "Wake Robin," etc, will contain not only articles on Birds, but on "Tramping Out," "Camping Out," and kindred topics.

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[redacted] WARD. Passenger. P. M.	A. M.		NORTHWARD. Passenger. A. M.	A. M.	A. M.
3 00	10 00	Baltimore	11 35	3 35	7 55
5 15	11 45	Philadelphia	10 05	1 45	6 55
6 30	1 15	Wilmington	8 50	12 10	4 45
		Del. Junction	8 43		
6 48	1 3'	New Castle	8 32	11 50	4 24
6 50		State Road	8 24	11 42	4 15
6 59		Bear	8 21	11 39	4 10
7 02		Rodney	8 13	11 30	4 00
7 10	1 56	Kirkwood	8 11	11 28	3 58
7 20	2 06	Mt. Pleasant	8 02	11 17	3 46
7 38	2 23	Middletown	7 54	11 07	3 36
7 47	2 32	Townsend	7 37	10 49	3 19
7 52	2 37	Blackbird	7 31	10 39	3 12
8 00	2 44	Green Spring	7 24	10 31	3 02
8 06	2 55	Clayton	7 19	10 26	2 55
8 26	3 10	Symrna	7 00	10 10	2 40
8 11	3 00	Brenford	7 12	10 15	2 40
8 18	3 07	Moorton	7 05	10 08	2 30
8 29	3 19	Dover	6 53	9 58	2 15
8 35	3 26	Wyoming	6 48	9 49	2 03
	3 34	Woodside		9 40	1 51
	3 39	Canterbury		9 35	1 45
	3 44	Felton		9 30	1 39
	3 59	Harrington		9 19	1 24
	4 06	Farmington		9 07	1 11
	4 17	Greenwood		8 58	12 59
	4 27	Bridgeville		8 46	12 48
	4 43	Seaford		8 32	12 30
	4 57	Laurel		8 16	12 10
	5 10	Delmar		8 05	11 55

[redacted]yrna Branch Trains—Additional to those [redacted]e leave Smyrna for Clayton 10 45 a m and 7 45 p m. Leave Clayton for Smyrna [redacted] a m., 3 00 and 8 10 p m., to make con[redacted]on with trains (North and South) from [redacted]on.

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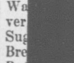
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